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SUBJECT: CODEL FOLEY

1. ARRANGEMENTS ARE PROCEEDING FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT BEGINNING AUGUST 16 BY HOUSE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE DELEGATION, LED BY CHAIRMAN THOMAS FOLEY. CODEL IS EXPECTED TO CONSIST OF FIFTEEN SENIOR MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE, PRIMARILY SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBERS, PLUS APPROXIMATELY FIVE STAFF, DOCTOR AND STATE DEPARTMENT ESCORT (FSO-GEORGE HUMPHREY). NO SPOUSES. ARRIVAL IS TIMED NOT TO OVERLAP CODEL ALBERT. USG AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM USSR, WITH INTERNAL TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL CARRIER.

2. TENTATIVE ITINERARY, AS DISCUSSED WITH SOVIET EMBASSY (AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE GAVVA) BY FOLEY'S OFFICE AND OFFICE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF FORMER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN POAGE, CALLS FOR STOPS IN MOSCOW, KIEV, KISHINEV, SOCHI, TBILISI, ALMA ATA, THE VIRGIN LANDS, NOVOSIBIRSK, MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. A MAIN FEATURE OF THE TRIP WOULD BE VISIT TO VIRGIN LANDS, TO SEE

WHEAT GROWING AREAS AND HARVESTING OPERATIONS.

3. BOTH OFFICES HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY GAVVA THAT THE VISIT HAS BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, AND THAT HE IS AWAITING MOSCOW'S APPROVAL ON ITINERARY AND OTHER SPECIFICS. WE HAVE PROVIDED SOVIET EMBASSY THROUGH REGULAR WORKING LEVEL CHANNEL WITH GENERAL OUTLINE OF CODEL'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY AS WORKED OUT WITH GAVVA, AND HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD EMBASSY (GAVVA) IS WAITING FOR MOSCOW.

4. IN INFORMING MFA OF VISIT, EMBASSY MIGHT NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE FIRST HOUSE AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION AT LEAST FOR MANY YEARS. IN ADDITION TO GRAIN, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING, MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS, AND AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS U.S.-USSR TRADE. DEPARTMENT AND CODEL WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE, GIVEN EXTENSIVE PROPOSED ITINERARY AND RELATIVELY SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE VISIT, FOR ANY INFORMATION YOU RECEIVE CONCERNING STATE OF SOVIET PLANNING FOR THE VISIT. INGERSOLL

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